The CSIU Board of Directors conducted its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 16 at the CSIU central office.

**SPOTLIGHT SEGMENT**

CSIU staff member Katherine Vastine, CARES Team Leadership Coordinator, shared a video with directors highlighting the CSIU’s Yes to the Future program and the variety of work experiences available to participants. In the video, Noah Whitesell shared information about his personal trainer paid internship opportunity. Gabriel Heddings shared information about his on-the-job training experience to become a tax accounting specialist.

**BOARD GOVERNANCE**

Dennis Keiser (Mifflinburg Area) was elected CSIU Board Vice President for the remainder of 2022-23.

CSIU directors approved a mail ballot for the 2023 election of CSIU board members and for action on the CSIU’s 2023-24 general operating budget. Districts may petition the CSIU Board to hold a convention in lieu of the mail ballot, but requests must be received from a majority of districts (nine) before Feb. 1, 2023.

Five terms on the CSIU Board will end June 30, 2023; Berwick Area, Bloomsburg Area, Central Columbia, Midd-West and Shikellamy. Those district boards will be eligible to nominate a director during March and April. All CSIU-region boards will cast votes in May and June on the five nominees, who will begin a three-year term July 1.

**BUDGET AND FINANCE MATTERS**

CSIU directors accepted monthly financial reports and approved payment requests for October.

**TECHNOLOGY/MARKETPLACE MATTERS**

Directors approved Keystone Purchasing Network definite quantity line-item bids for the 2023-24 purchasing cycle and PEPPM bid awards for product line contracts, effective Jan. 1, 2023 through Dec. 31, 2025.

**HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS**

Directors approved 8 new staff members:
- **Melissa L. Benscoter**, as occupational therapist;
- **Meghan E. Dale**, as statewide multilingual education professional learning project lead;
- **Heather A. Haynos**, as bilingual workforce career coach;
- **Sara C. Heimbach**, as Early Intervention instructional assistant;
- **Soraida Padilla**, as Head Start assistant instructor;
- **Marc F. Romanelli**, as Corrections Education teacher;
- **Stephine R. Welsh**, as Pre-K Counts associate instructor; and
- **Denise A. Williams**, as Head Start assistant instructor.
Directors approved the following:

position transfers:
- Matthew D. Butensky, from youth development managing coordinator to youth development project manager;
- Erin A. Hepworth, from special education program supervisor to data management/child accounting and itinerant services program supervisor; and
- Ann G. Miller, from Direct Care Workers Heroes program manager to Supporting Your Needs in Community Healthcare project and data collection manager.

salary adjustment:
- Samantha Pudloski, Office of Dispute Resolution program manager, due to re-evaluation of position responsibilities and compensation.

change in start date:

resignations:
- Dr. Charles R. Bomboy, Jr., as corrections education program principal;
- Charles B. Mierwald, as career counselor specialist;
- Amanda L. Moore, as career counselor specialist;
- Dee A. Notarangelo, as Head Start assistant instructor;
- Rachel L. Opala, as youth development coordinator; and
- Sheyna S. Stankiewicz, as Head Start assistant instructor.

retirement:
- Maria C. Lewis, as preschool speech/language specialist.

Directors also approved:
- employment of one part-time, non-instructional employee: Andrea G. Kolb, as English Language Development partnerships coordinator;
- a change in start date for one part-time, non-instructional employee: Jeremy Gaines, nursing skills laboratory instructional assistant, from Oct. 20, 2022 to Oct. 28, 2022;
- a resignation from one part-time employee: Danelle L. Reinsburrow, as incarcerated youth case manager; and
- employment of six substitute teachers and two substitute aides for the 2022-23 school year.

POLICY COMMITTEE MATTERS
Directors accepted at second and final reading the following proposed policy revisions: 236.1 Threat Assessment; 311 – Reduction of Staff; 313 – Evaluation of Employees; 333 – Professional Development; and 805 – Emergency Preparedness and Response.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM MATTERS
Directors approved the Head Start/Early Head Start monthly reports for August and September 2022. Directors also approved the Head Start and Early Head Start Program Information Reports for 2021-22 and the purchase of 10 SMART Boards from Visual Sound, a PEPPM vendor, for St. Columba School.